

## DIVORCE SUIT ENDS MYSTERY

Wife Begins Action Against  
Gerald N. Stanton, Rich Dry  
Goods Merchant's Son, Who  
Disappeared Three Years Ago

## YOUNG MAN SUPPOSED TO BE A BACHELOR.

Married Beautiful Girl He Res-  
cued with Other Young Women  
from Boat Which Capsized  
While They Were Sailing.

A suit for absolute divorce, begun by Mrs. Margaret Allen Downing Stanton against Gerald N. Stanton, son of the late millionaire, Gerald N. Stanton, claimant and dry-goods merchant, probably will explain the young man's disappearance in September, 1901. The case was called to-day before Justice Fitzgerald in the Supreme Court, and John J. Lenehan, of the law firm of Lenehan & Dowling, No. 145 Broadway was appointed referee.

Gerald N. Stanton has had a highly colored career, albeit he is yet within a year of thirty. The beautiful young woman who is now seeking to free herself from him became his wife in 1901. She was then in her teens. Stanton was visiting in Greenwich, Conn., her home, that year, and she and her sister were members of a boating party which he arranged. A storm came up while they were in the middle of the Sound and the craft they were in capsized.

Young Man a Real Hero.

It was said at the time that the accident was occasioned by Stanton's say spirits. But he proved himself equal to the emergency by landing all the women including the young woman who is now his wife, on the bottom of the boat and manœvering the boat until he got all hands safely ashore. He proved himself a real hero in the eyes of young Miss Downing, and soon afterward their engagement was announced.

The family of the young woman objected to the match on account of her youth, and they were doing their best, it is said, to break it off when Margaret disappeared one day, and the next they heard from her was in a telegram which was signed "Mrs. Gerald Stanton." She and young Stanton had come to this city from Greenwich and been married, with a few of his club friends and an intimate woman friend of his mother as witnesses.

Lived With Her Mother-in-Law.

After the marriage the couple went to live with Mrs. Gerald Stanton, Sr., in her mansion at No. 63 East Fifty-third street. This arrangement lasted for a year, and then they went to housekeeping for themselves. All their friends supposed they were living happily together until September a year ago, when Stanton disappeared.

His wife supposed to the police to find him, and in writing a motive for his absence said that she feared foul play. The police never got a trace of Stanton, although from time to time papers printed reports of his having been seen here and there. Several months ago Mrs. Stanton called on him, and he had been in New York, and that she had been deserted.

But, before she was able to make up again.

Attorney Henry Thompson, of No. 2 Wall street, who is counsel for Mrs. Stanton, said to-day that all his client wanted was an absolute divorce. From George Wallfield Wells, counsel for Mr. Stanton, the statement came that the suit for divorce probably would explain the "disappearance" of his client a year ago.

He added that the couple had had a disagreement and that they would never be able to make up again.

Young Stanton's mother was a Mrs. Elizabeth Belcher before she married his father. She has two daughters, and at present is abroad with them, where they have lived most of the time of late years.

FUSHIMI VISITS WEST POINT.

Japanese Prince Reviews Cadets in Snowstorm.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Prince Fushimi of Japan, paid a visit to the military Academy at West Point to-day. The Prince was accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, A. Bato, Count K. Terashima and Major S. Tsuru. After dinner the Prince, who was dressed in a military uniform, was met at the station by Brig.-Gen. Albert L. Mills, his military staff and an escort of cavalry. A salute of twenty-one guns was fired.

The guests were first conducted to the officers' club and subsequently to Gen. Mills' quarters, where luncheon was served. This afternoon there was a review of the corps of cadets, regardless of the intensely cold weather and a biting snowstorm.

ORSON E. WOODBURY DEAD.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 10.—Orson E. Woodbury, author of the campaign song of 1904, "Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too," is dead here at the age of eighty. He wrote several other songs, was once a Wisconsin editor, and was one of the three men that called the first Republican meeting in Madison, Wis., in 1854. Mr. Woodbury claimed that the Republican party was organized there. He was driven out of St. Louis during the civil war because of anti-slavery sentiments.

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## MRS. CHADWICK ILL; NO HOPE OF RECOVERY

(Continued from First Page.)

sational disclosure of her methods, has lost his confidence in his ability to collect. Up to to-day he has always expressed himself as perfectly confident that Mrs. Chadwick would settle.

"I am no longer confident," he said this afternoon. "I did think that she had resources sufficient to meet our claim, and I believe she would have paid it if all this notoriety had not been brought about. The outlook for collection at present is anything but cheerful."

Undoubtedly Mr. Ryall and attorneys representing other creditors relied upon the written statement of Iri Reynolds that he had in his possession \$5,000,000 worth of securities belonging to Mrs. Chadwick. Exposure of the fact that these securities are worthless has dashed their hopes.

Mrs. Alice M. York has in San Francisco identified a photograph of Mme. De Vere published in an Eastern newspaper as that of Mrs. Chadwick, whom she says is her sister.

Mrs. Chadwick told the bankers her securities were netting \$750,000 and she would be glad, she said, to allow the first income, after the Citizens' Bank was made trustee, to be used to settle the bank claims and the bonds.

But the income never came within reach of the bank. Many times the bank was hard pressed for funds. When dividends were to be made the president and cashier skirmished for funds. In order to help them out Mrs. Chadwick at one time gave them a check for \$50,000 which came back marked "No funds." She gave two other checks for \$25,000 each, but the next day telephoned to Mr. Beckwith and not to use them. In Beckwith's statement the names of several institutions and individuals are given, but they are withheld for the present.

## SECURITIES REACH NOW TO \$13,750,000

(Special to the Evening World.)

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 10.—Examination of the "securities" placed by Mrs. Chadwick in the hands of Iri Reynolds, treasurer of the Wade Park Bank discloses that she worked upon a capital consisting solely of the name "Andrew Carnegie" signed to documents apparently representing the amazing total of \$13,500,000.

The name of Mr. Carnegie has been forged, in Mrs. Chadwick's interest, to two notes for \$500,000 each, one note for \$250,000, a note for \$5,000,000, and a certificate of trusteeship for \$7,500,000.

The signatures to the \$5,000,000 and \$7,500,000 documents are identical with the signatures to the smaller notes which Mr. Carnegie declares were forgeries.

The local authorities are taking steps to have Mrs. Chadwick indicted by the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury on the charge that she forged Mr. Carnegie's name.

The confession of President C. T. Beckwith, of the wrecked Citizens' National Bank, of Oberlin, now in the possession of the Federal authorities, is a story so startling with relation to the monumental transactions of Mrs. Chadwick as to be almost unbelievable. But documentary proof has forced belief upon the part of the few who have heard the amazing tale, which is expected to prove the absolute undoing of Mrs. Chadwick.

The unequivocal statement is made by President Beckwith that the means by which Mrs. Chadwick secured the immense loans was by a written promise delivered into the hands of the banker that the Citizens' Bank would be made the trustee of the \$5,000,000 estate, which has just been revealed to the world as an absolute myth.

## HOW SHE LURED THEM ON.

The written promise delivered by Mrs. Chadwick to Beckwith was to the effect exactly that her affairs would be turned over to the Oberlin Bank July 1, 1903. In consideration therefor President Beckwith and Cashier Spear were to receive \$10,000 a year each for their trouble. In addition the bank was to be given a bonus of close to \$40,000 when the loans had all been paid back.

This complete statement answers fully the oft-repeated question, "What is the world actuated the two officials of the Oberlin Bank in making the immense loans from the bank's funds without a scintilla of actual security?"

The story of how Mrs. Chadwick played with the two bankers after having them once in her power, as told by Beckwith, is absorbing in the intensity of its interest. Mrs. Chadwick calmed the fears of her victims with the claim that she was a relative of Andrew Carnegie.

The written confession of Beckwith goes into detail of the explanation made by Mrs. Chadwick to the manner in which the estate was then being handled. The Wade Park Banking Company, of Cleveland, was used simply as a depository for the securities, according to the tale that the Cleveland woman made the bankers believe.

The estate was said by Mrs. Chadwick to be in the hands of three trustees, all New York men. The name of one of them was given as William Baldwin. Mrs. Chadwick said she could not get hold of the money except through Baldwin, whom the banker now believes to be a mythical person.

## HERE IS WHAT WAS IN CHADWICK STRONG-BOX.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10.—Attorney A. A. Stearns, representing Herbert D. Newton, of Brookline, Mass., made an authoritative statement this afternoon concerning the securities that were found in the strong-box left with Iri Reynolds by Mrs. Chadwick.

Package No. 1 contained a note made payable to Cassie L. Chadwick, dated May 20, 1902, for \$5,000,000 and made payable in fifteen months. It was signed with the name of Andrew Carnegie.

In package No. 1 was also a trust agreement, dated Feb. 27, 1901, and signed "Andrew Carnegie," purporting to be a receipt for securities delivered to Andrew Carnegie by Frederick R. Mason, deceased, uncle of Cassie L. Chadwick, the value of the securities being placed at \$7,500,000, and to be productive of income. These securities purported to be bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the Oskedonian Railway of Scotland, and the Great Western Railway of England.

Package No. 2 contained a duplicate copy of the trust agreement. Package No. 3 contained a promissory note for \$1,800, signed by Emily and Daniel Pine and made payable to Cassie L. Chadwick, and a mortgage securing the same.

## RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR MRS. CHADWICK.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 10.—Before Judge W. A. Babcock, in Common Pleas Court this morning, began the hearing for the application for a receiver for Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick.

The receiver in bankruptcy, Nathan Loefer, was represented by attorney J. A. Smith and Emily Grossman. Attorney Baldwin represented Mrs. Chadwick and Attorney Stearns appeared for Herbert Newton, her Boston banker. Mr. Stearns strongly urged the appointment of a receiver. Mrs. Chadwick's attorney interposed no objections.

Judge Hancock appointed H. W. Bell in connection with the United States Fidelity & Casualty Company, as receiver, placing the bond at \$100,000. This decision was a disappointment to the attorneys for Nathan Loefer, the receiver in bankruptcy, who immediately appeared before Francis J. Wink, the United States Federal Judge, and secured an injunction restraining the custodian of the alleged \$5,000,000 securities from turning them over to the receiver. This injunction is returnable next Saturday.

During the hearing before Judge Babcock it was freely admitted that the securities were worthless.

## NEWTON SAYS SHE HAD AN ACCOMPLICE.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—In an interview to-day concerning the Chadwick case Herbert D. Newton said:

"Now that Mrs. Chadwick has been arrested, I think that it is my duty to show up the whole miserable fabric of falsehood that has been worked on me and on several other people in the country. What the total liabilities may be I do not know, but I do know that she could never have borrowed the money she did in the manner she did without

a guaranteed cure for piles.

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## BRIDE OF SIX DAYS WHO HAS REPORTED HUSBAND MISSING.



Mrs. Victor Shanley, Nees Barbour.

At the fearful request of his wife of six days, the police are making an effort to locate Victor Shanley, an attorney, of No. 120 Broadway. Shanley mysteriously disappeared Nov. 20, after telephoning his wife that he was down town buying a diamond pin for her and would be home in time to take her to the theatre. The last seen of him was when he left the home of a friend on East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, when he was supposed to be on his way to visit his mother, at No. 238 Jay street, Brooklyn.

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Disappearance of Spouse Six  
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## WHITE DECRIES THEIR LENIENCY

Former Ambassador in Lecture  
Declares Mistaken Sympathy  
for Criminals Fosters Crime  
in the United States.

## CITES ROOSEVELT'S MERCY AS BAD PRECEDENT.

Erring in This Direction Speaker  
Asserts is Responsible for  
Placing Country First in List  
for Lawlessness.

"Evolution vs. Revolution in Politics" was the theme of a lecture delivered to-day before the League for Political Education in West Forty-fourth street, by Andrew D. White, formerly President of Cornell University, U. S. Ambassador to Germany and President of the American delegation to the Hague Peace Commission.

The paper was originally prepared for a university audience, but Mr. White brought it up to date by stating that high crimes are more frequent in this country than anywhere else in the world save Sicily, and that there is a widespread superstition here that it is the duty of the people to protect criminals who are really the enemies of human liberty. Calling attention to mistaken leniency Mr. White said:

"Much as I admire President Roosevelt as a true man we have seen to-day the sorry example of the mistake a strong man can make. The President was appealed to by a colored Baptist minister to save the latter's son from the gallows for the murder of a farmer in Canada. The President listened to the appeal and has succeeded in securing a commutation of sentence. I don't admire the President for that."

Continuing his denunciation of lawlessness, Mr. White said that because of mistaken leniency sympathy is openly expressed for bloodstained ruffians, although crime is not a misfortune. Touching on American business methods, Mr. White said that they are leading to catastrophes and filling our institutions with crime and poverty, and as a warning said:

"If we do not develop better methods our extended life will be short and the American people are sure to die out and we will be succeeded by a cruder race of tougher fibre. This will be the survival of the fittest."

After discussing the doubtful results of great wealth, Mr. White said: "I can think of no better way to make a man of the surplus capital of the millionaire than by using it to strengthen our institutions of learning and the establishment of libraries for the people. This would help to do away with some of the evils of society. It is the only effective way to prevent revolution."

## DETECTIVE DELANY SHIFTED.